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SUBJ: AFTERMATH OF ALLEDGED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON SEKOU
TOURE

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1. THERE IS INCREASING NERVOUSNESS AMONG SOME DIPLOMATIC
OBSERVERS, AND APPARENTLY ALSO AMONG GUINEANS, REGARDING
POSSIBLE PUBLIC TRIALS OR NEW "REVELATIONS" IN AFTERMATH
MAY 13 "ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT" ON PRESIDENT. IN RECENT
SPEECH, SEKOU TOURE PROMISED FULL DISCLOSURES, INCLUDING
PROOF OF COMPLICITY OF "FOREIGN AGENTS" ON JULY 9. THIS
IS DATE SET FOR OPENING OF NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL,
AT WHICH TOURE WILL MAKE OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF
STATE OF GUINEAN ECONOMY AND INTERNAL SITUATION.

2. IN ADDITION TO ALLEGATIONS THAT BOTH SENEGAL AND
IVORY COAST ARE SOMEHOW IMPLICATED (REF A) TOURE HAS
ALSO MADE VEILED REFERENCE TO TRAINING OF "AGENT"
AT ST CYR. FRENCH AMBASSADOR CLAIMS NOT TO BE OVERLY
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CONCERNED BY THESE REFERENCES, BUT HAS NEVERTHELESS SENT

LETTER OF PROTEST TO PRESIDENT AND HAS BEEN TRYING TO
MEET WITH HIM TO TALK MATTER OVER.

3. TONE OF SOME OF TOURE'S REMARKS AND OF OTHER
PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON GUINEAN RADIO HINT THAT GOG MAY
MAKE SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST FOREIGN SCAPEGOATS.
EMBASSY HAS NO REAL IDEA HOW SERIOUS THESE MAY BE.
PRESIDENT TOURE DECLINED TO SPEAK OF ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT DURING JUNE 29 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, ALTHOUGH
THERE WAS OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO DO SO HAD HE WISHED.

4. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT CHARGES WILL BE LEVELED
AGAINST US. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT
HOUSEHOLD SERVANT OF EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER HAS BEEN
ARRESTED AND REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH COMPLICITY
IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. UNDER GUINEAN "INTERROGATION"
HE COULD OF COURSE SAY ALMOST ANYTHING.

5. CHARGES AGAINST FOREIGN SCAPEGOATS COULD, ACCORDING
TO CLASSICAL PATTERN, BE USED TO DIVERT ATTENTION
FROM SERIOUS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. IT IS PRACTICALLY
IMPOSSIBLE NOW TO GET A CLEAR IDEA OF HOW BAD ECONOMY
IS. REPORTS ARE CIRCULATING OF VERY SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGES;
HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM SUCH REPORTS.
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